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SUBJECT: DISCUSSIONS WITH IEG ON MILITARY EQUIPMENT

PACKAGE

REFERENCE: ADDIS 5866

1. DEPT AND DOD AGREE FULLY WITH COMMENT PARA 6 REFTEL
AND APPRECIATE CHARGE'S LUCID REPLY TO IEG.

2. IN SPITE OF EARLIER INDICATIONS TO CONTRARY, WE NOW
ABLE TO INCREASE ETHIOPIA'S PROPOSED FY 74 FMS DIRECT
CREDIT PROGRAM BY ADDITIONAL DOLS 1.7 MILLION FOR A
TOTAL OF DOLS 11 MILLION IN DIRECT CREDIT FOR FY 74.
THIS INCREASE FURTHER DEMONSTRATES SERIOUS U.S. EFFORT
TO MEET IEG NEEDS AND SHOULD BE OF SOME HELP TO
EMBASSY IN CURRENT ARMS PACKAGE DISCUSSIONS WITH IEG.
ADDITION MADE POSSIBLE BY FREEING FUNDS ALLOCATED TO
ANOTHER AFRICAN COUNTRY, BUT NOT USED, AND REPRESENTS
MAXIMUM POSSIBLE WITHIN CONSTRAINTS OF AVAILABLE FUNDS

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FOR FY 74.

3. DEPT AND DOD AGREE WITH APPROACH OUTLINED REFTEL
ON LEAD-TIMES AND THAT PRIMARY TASK IS TO AGREE ON
SPECIFIC ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED WITHIN FISCAL
GUIDELINES, PARTICULARLY SINCE PROPOSED FY 74 CREDIT
AGREEMENT MUST BE SIGNED AT LEAST BY JUNE 15. ITEMS

SELECTED FOR CONSIDERATION UNDER CREDIT PACKAGE SHOULD
BE LIMITED ESSENTIALLY TO THOSE ITEMS PROPOSED
DURING CMAAG'S WASHINGTON CONSULTATIONS.

4. DUE TO OBVIOUS SERIOUS FUTURE FISCAL CONSTRAINTS
ON IEG, BELIEVE STRINGENT EFFORT SHOULD BE MADE TO
MAINTAIN IEG CASH PURCHASE LEVEL WITHIN DOLS 25 MILLION
FIGURE. NEVERTHELESS, IF, IN OPINION OF CMAAG
AND EMBASSY, PROCUREMENT OF LIMITED NUMBER ADDITIONAL
ITEMS WOULD SIGNIFICANTLY ENHANCE OVERALL CAPABILITY
OF GRANT-CREDIT-CASH SALES PACKAGE, WE WOULD ENTERTAIN
THEIR SUGGESTIONS. BROWN

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